Preface

For acquiring a better understanding of a polity, the study of ‘Social Structure of Political Elite: A Study of Parliamentarians from Haryana’ assumes a greater importance. The pattern of legislative leadership helps in understanding the power structure in a society e.g. whether it represents the minority and economically backward sections of society or still monopolised by the rich. The members of legislature articulate and define the goals for the people and set in motion various strategies of mobilizing support for realizing these goals. In a developing society like ours where the gap between masses and political elite is wide, the role of parliamentarians assumes further importance.

Moreover, the social settings give us an insight into the personality make up of parliamentarians. It also make us to anticipate as to what they are capable of doing, what we should expect from them and how well they are equipped to discharge the responsibilities developed upon them by the electorate.

The present work examines the ‘Social structure and process of Recruitment of Parliamentarians in Haryana since 1967.’

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